



# WEED ALERT!

## SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph Parish,

This Sunday Jesus tells a story every gardener understands. An enemy sows weeds among wheat. The servants want to rip them out immediately. The master says, "No... let them grow together until harvest."

We don't like that answer. We want justice now. We want the Church pure, the world fixed, our families without problems. We want to march into the field with a hoe and start judging.

But the Master knows two things we forget.

**First, we can't always tell the difference.** Wheat and weeds look alike when they're young. How many times have we labeled someone a "weed" only to discover later God was growing something beautiful in them? How many times were we the weed God was patient with? "For as you judge, so will you be judged," Jesus warns in Matthew 7:2 (most favorite verse of our deceased Dcn Ron Dains). The measure matters.

**Second, it's not our harvest.** "Let them grow together until harvest; then I will tell the reapers..." God's patience isn't laziness. It's mercy. Wisdom today reminds us: "Your might is the source of justice... you govern us with great lenience." God is strong enough to wait. Are we?

Paul tells the Romans the Spirit helps us when we don't know how to pray. Maybe this is that prayer: "Lord, teach me to be patient with the weeds in my life, and in my own heart."

Don't spend this week trying to be the reaper. Be wheat. Grow deep roots. Receive the sun and the rain. Let the Master worry about the sorting.

At harvest, He won't ask how good we were at judging. He'll ask how faithfully we grew.



Have a blessed week!

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